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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) CASE NO. 2:20-cr-00093-RSM
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Plaintiff,	) ORDER APPOINTING RUSSELL M.
v.	) AOKI AS COORDINATING DISCOVERY
	) ATTORNEY
(1) DELMER VELASQUEZ-LICONA,	)
(2) RODRIGO ALVAREZ-QUINONEZ,	)
(3) JORGE CRUZ-HERNANDEZ	)
(4) JUAN HERNANDEZ-HERNANDEZ,	)
(5) JOSE FERNANDO ESCOTO-FIALLOS,	)
(6) SAUL SUAREZ-MATA,	)
(7) JORGE ALBERTO RAMOS, and	)
(8) TARA SCOTT,	)
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Defendants.	)
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) CASE NO. 2:20-cr-00094-RSM
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Plaintiff,	)
v.	)
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(1) GUSTAVO SANDOVAL-AGURCIA,	)
(2) ELIAS NEFTALI MONTES-SEVILLA,	)
(3) JORGE URIEL ESQUIVEL-MENA,	)
(4) FRANCISCO JAVIER ESQUIVEL-MENA,	)
(5) BALDEMAR MARTINEZ-RICO and	)
(6) WILMER GALDINO-MARADIAGA,	)
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Defendants.	)
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	) CASE NO. 2:20-cr-00128-RSM
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Plaintiff,	)
v.	)
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(1) WILMER AVILA-GAMEZ and	)
(2) ANGELICA ANDRADE-ARENAL,	)
	)
Defendants.	)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 2:20-cr-00130-RSM
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Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
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(1) BRUNO GERARDO DIEGUEZ-CASTRO	)	
and	)	
(2) HUGO RADAMES GAMEZ-ANDRADE,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 2:20-cr-00131-RSM
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Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
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ERICK URBINA-ESCOTO,	)	
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Defendant.	)	
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It is hereby **ORDERED** that Russell M. Aoki of Aoki Law, PLLC is appointed as

Coordinating Discovery Attorney for court-appointed defense counsel.

The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall oversee any discovery issues common to

all defendants. His responsibilities will include:

- Managing and, unless otherwise agreed upon with the government, distributing discovery produced by the government and relevant third-party information common to all defendants;

- Assessing the amount and type of case data to determine what types of technology should be evaluated and used so duplicative costs are avoided and the most efficient and cost-effective methods are identified;

- Acting as a liaison with federal prosecutors to ensure the timely and effective exchange of discovery;

- Identifying, evaluating, and engaging third-party vendors and other litigation support services;

- Assessing the needs of individual parties and further identifying any additional vendor support that may be required—including copying, scanning, forensic

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imaging, data processing, data hosting, trial presentation, and other technology depending on the nature of the case;

- Identifying any additional human resources that may be needed by the individual parties for the organization and substantive review of information; and

- Providing training and support services to the defense teams as a group and individually.

When executing these responsibilities, the Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall assess the most effective and cost-efficient manner to organize the discovery with input from defense counsel.

The Coordinating Discovery Attorney's duties do not include providing representation services, and therefore will not be establishing an attorney-client relationship with any of the defendants. Discovery intended for counsel of a specific defendant and not to be shared among all defense counsel, shall be produced by the government directly to defense counsel for that defendant. For discovery common to all defendants, discovery issues specific to any defendant shall be addressed by defense counsel directly with the government and not through the Coordinating Discovery Attorney.

For any common discovery already produced by the government prior to this Order, the government shall provide a copy to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney within 14 days. Any additional discovery not already produced shall be provided directly to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney, who shall duplicate and distribute the discovery to all defense counsel, unless the government elects to produce discovery directly to defense counsel with a simultaneous copy to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney. The government shall work with the Coordinating Discovery Attorney to provide discovery in a timely manner.

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2   The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall petition this Court, *ex parte*, for funds

3   for outside services and shall monitor all vendor invoices for these services including

4   confirming the work previously agreed to be performed. However, the Court acknowledges

5   his time and the time spent by his staff will be paid by the Administrative Office of the U.S.

6   Courts, Defender Services Office. All petitions for outside services shall include a basis for

7   the requested funds and a determination that the costs of the services are reasonable.

8   The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall also provide this Court with monthly *ex*

9   *parte* status reports depicting the status of work and whether that work remains within the

10   budget of any funds authorized by the Court, with the copy provided to defense counsel.

11   DATED this 18th day of September, 2020.

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16   RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
     CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT
17   JUDGE

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